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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

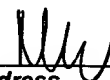
PETERSON ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. In view of the appeal brief filed on August 19, 2004, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office Action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office Action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2 and 4-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 1,2 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Launey et al.(U.S.PAT. 5086385A).

Re claim 1: Launey et al. disclose a controller for controlling the function of components of a security system comprising a touch sensitive screen with a graphical representation of the security system and the components displayed on the screen(Abstract, Fig. 3F, 3H, 3I,3K, 10A-F, 12A-G, 14, item 1402, col. 3, lines 60-67)

the controller interacting with a control panel to control operation of the security system the function of the components of the security system being controllable by touching a portion of the screen having the component or security system to be controlled displayed thereon(col. 1, lines 5-15, lines 50-60, col. 2, lines 27-40, col. 3, lines 15-25, col. 9, lines 10-25),

the controller also providing for, selection and display of user selectable information not related to the operation of the security system and provided to the control panel by an external data access provider(col. 4, lines 1-10, col. 9, lines 10-25, col. 11, lines 45-65).

Re claim 2: Launey et al. disclose a controller as claimed in claim 1 wherein the controller also provides for control of home automation functions by providing a

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display of the environment conditions capable of being controlled in the home automation functions(Abstract, Fig. 3F, 3H, 3I,3K, 10A-F, 12A-G, 14, item 1402).

Re claim 4: Launey et al. disclose a controller as claimed in claim 1 wherein the user selectable information is one or more items selected from the group consisting of weather information, news reports, sports information, and financial information(col. 11, lines 45-65, col. 21, lines 15-35).

Re claim 5: Launey et al. disclose a security system comprising a plurality of detection devices a controller connected to a control panel(Abstract, Fig. 3F, 3H, 3I,3K, 10A-F, 12A-G, 14, item 1402, col. 1, lines 5-15, and lines 25-50, col. 3, lines 60-67),

the control panel having a means for connecting to an external data access provider for provider user selectable information not related to the operation of the security system(col. 4, lines 1-10, col. 9, lines 10-25, col. 11, lines 45-65),

the controller having an input means for inputting data in response to prompts(col. 1, lines 50-60, col. 2, lines 15-25), and

a display means for displaying at least a number of alphanumeric characters(col. 3, lines 15-25, lines 60-65, Fig. 3F, 3H, 3I,3K, 10A-F, 12A-G, col. 10, lines 35-60),

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the controller interacting the control panel to control operation of the security system(col. 9, lines 10-25) and display the user selectable information provided to the control panel by the external data access provider(col. 4, lines 1-10, col. 9, lines 10-25, col. 11, lines 45-65).

Re claim 6: Launey et al. disclose a security system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the user selectable information is one or more items selected from the group consisting of weather information, news reports, sports information, and financial information(col. 11, lines 45-65, col. 21, lines 15-35).

Re claim 7: Launey et al. disclose a security system as claimed in claim 6 wherein the controller also provides for control of home automation functions(col. 1, lines 5-15).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Launey et al. as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Baker(U.S.PAT. 5389951A).

Launey et al. disclose(s) the claimed invention except disclose a security system as claimed in claim 7 wherein the display means is a LCD or LED display capable of displaying graphical data. However, in Abstract, col. 2, lines 20-40 thereof, Baker disclose(s) a touchscreen with LCD. It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention of Launey et al. based on the teachings of Baker. The motivation to combine these references is to effectively and efficiently provide a screen that is touchable and that has the advantages of a LCD.

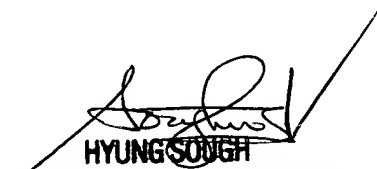
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Debra F. Charles whose telephone number is (703) 305-4718. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on (703) 308-0505. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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